

# Counting on History

The project was to produce a resource pack based on Victorian sources that could be used with the Maths curriculum at Key Stage 2.

The pack was initially developed at the Kendal Office. Versions of it were then developed at the Carlisle, Barrow and Whitehaven offices.

The project also included workshops for teachers and visits by schools, to the four Cumbria archives offices.

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We wished to maintain the number of schools using the archives. To do this we used local history sources from our archives and linked them to National Curriculum Maths.

The pack was developed with the assistance of teachers from the LEA.

The pack contains two sections. The first comprises worksheets based on specific documents in our archive and is aimed at our local schools. Perhaps the most interesting material relates to Victorian criminals from our area. The second section contains similar but more generic resources that can be used anywhere in the country. These can be modified or added to by schoolteachers to meet their needs. In addition local record offices around the country may utilise them as 'off the peg' worksheets.

**“This is an intriguing local history and maths resource and one that I will certainly use in my classroom. I also look forward to arranging a group visit for pupils to see the fascinating documents for real.”**

Teacher, Langwathby School

